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For: OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS,
OPTICAL DATA
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
APPARATUS, AND OPTICAL DATA
RECORDING/REPRODUCING
METHOD

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 38, and ending on page 2, line 18 as follows:

A' In one such optical pickup apparatus, in Japanese Patent No. 2543227 for example, an optical disk apparatus is proposed which includes a laser light emitting device serving as a light source, and a first optical device which focuses a light emitted from the laser light emitting device onto a data recording surface serving as an optical disk. A second optical